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For: METAL-BACKED UHMWPE ROD	§	Customer No.: 57004
SLEEVE SYSTEM PRESERVING	§	
SPINAL MOTION	§	

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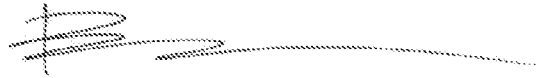
In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring the items cited in the attached Form PTO/SB/08 to the attention of the Examiner.

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Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the references cited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP. Applicant does not believe that any other fees are due; however, in the event that any other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than an issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP.

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